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Dear Marcus,

Last week, President Bush named me chairman of the U.S. Arctic Research Commission, and continued my appointment which is now five years old. It comes at a time that the U.S. is stepping up its important work on Arctic research, and happens just as the U.S. and other nations enter the International Polar Year, 2007-2008.

We met during your tenure at OMB. Thank you for the help and encouragement you gave the Commission. I will do my best to make the best of this new appointment for Alaska, the nation, and the world.

The Commission is focusing on what it takes to get us out of the International Polar Year with a long-term sustainable research program in the Arctic. We support work that helps us find tangible answers to understand and respond to climate change, maintain biodiversity and our cultural heritage in the North, and support America's strategic goals in the Arctic. I serve with seven gifted Commissioners who share these goals, and I'm thrilled to be doing it.

I'm always open to suggestion on how to do a better job, and I hope to hear from you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Alaska. I hope to visit with you soon. ht

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